



United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Fort Berthold Agency, Great Plains Region
202 Main St.
New Town, North Dakota 58763



SECRETARIAL ELECTION NOTICE

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

Members of the Three Affiliated Tribes are hereby advised that a Secretarial Election has been authorized and the date of the Secretarial Election will be **Friday, July 22, 2016**. The purpose the Secretarial Election is to vote on proposed changes to Article III Section 2 of the Constitution, and Article III Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

The proposed amendments would change the Constitution to:

1. Decrease the number of Tribal Business council Representatives from thirteen (13) to seven (7) by reducing the number of Council Representatives to one (1) representative for each of the six (6) Reservation Segments;
2. Deleting the language in Article III Section 2 regarding an increase for additional Council representatives for any one segment should the population reach at least 700 qualified voters;
3. Correspondingly amend Article III of the By-laws changing the Quorum Requirement for a Tribal Business Council meeting from seven (7) members to five (5) members if the proposed amendment to Article III Section 2 of the Constitution is approved.

The Fort Berthold Agency is hereby authorized to call and conduct an election consistent with the Secretary's election regulations found in 25 C.F.R Part 81. These regulations require that absent a requirement in the tribal constitution that requires the use of polling places, the election must be conducted by mail-out ballots. See 25 C.F.R. § 81.35. Given that the Tribal Constitution does not require polling places this election would be done entirely by mail-out ballots. The amendments would not be effective until adopted as part of a properly conducted Secretarial Election and approved.

THIS SECRETARIAL ELECTION IS BEING HELD ENTIRELY BY MAILOUT BALLOT.
REGISTERED VOTERS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO VOTE BY U.S. MAIL.
THERE WILL BE NO POLLING SITES.

You MUST register in order to RECEIVE a ballot. This Secretarial Election Notice Packet contains the Voter Registration Form required to register for the election. Any eligible adult Tribal Member who does not receive a Voter Registration Form should request one from the Secretarial Election Board Chair, Kayla Danks 701-627-4707

VOTER REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE:

The Voter Registration Form must be received at the designated P.O. Box noted on the return envelope in the Secretarial Election Notice Packet BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON **MONDAY, June 20, 2016.**

IF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION FORM IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE, YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE PLACED ON THE REGISTERED VOTERS LIST, AND YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT.

The Registered Voter's list will be posted on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at:

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Fort Berthold Agency
202 Main Street
New Town, North Dakota 58763

Three Affiliated Tribes
Tribal Office
404 Frontage Road
New Town, North Dakota 58763

DEADLINE FOR FILING CHALLENGES TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS LIST:

The deadline for filing challenges to the Registered Voters List is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23, 2016. Challenges must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Secretarial Election Board, Kayla Danks, at the Fort Berthold Agency address listed above.

REMEMBER IF YOU DONT REGISTER, YOU CANNOT VOTE.



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The purpose of this proposed amendment is to decrease the number of representatives from thirteen (13) to seven (7) by reducing the number of Council Representatives to one representative for each of the six (6) Reservation Segments. To delete the language in Article III Section 2 regarding an increase for additional Council representatives for any one segment should the population reach at least 700 qualified voters. And correspondingly, amend Article III of the By-laws changing the quorum requirement for a Tribal Council Meeting from seven (7) members to five (5) members if the proposed amendment to Article III Section 2 of the Constitution is approved.

ARTICLE III SECTION 2
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ARTICLE III-Governing Body Section 2

Tribal Business Council shall consist of a minimum of thirteen (13) members. The Chairman of the Tribal Business Council shall be elected at large by a majority of all of the votes cast for the Office of Chairman. The other Council members shall be elected from segments, with a minimum of two Council members to be elected from each of the segments by a majority of all of the votes cast for the office of council representative from that respective segment. In the event any one of the six segments should reach an initial population of at least 700 qualified voters residing within such segment, then an additional Tribal Council Business representative shall be added to represent said segment at the next general election for that segment. An additional segment representative shall be added for each additional multiple of 700 qualified voters residing within a segment. Segment populations shall be based on the number of qualified voters residing in the segment. The minimum number of segment representatives is as follows:

- White Shield2 representatives
- Twin Buttes2 representatives
- New Town/Little Shell2 representatives
- Mandaree2 representatives
- Four Bears2 representatives
- Parshall/Lucky Mound ...2 representatives

The Election for new representatives added pursuant to this amendment shall be during the next regularly scheduled general election. New representatives added after the initial election following this amendment shall be staggered evenly for an even number of total representatives in a segment. For an odd number of total representatives, the final newly-added representative shall be elected for a full term. Those new representatives receiving the highest number of votes shall receive the open slots designated for the full terms.

Bylaws Article III - Meeting of Council Section 3

Two-thirds of the total number of members on the Tribal Business Council rounded to the nearest whole number shall constitute a legal quorum of the Tribal Business Council.

ARTICLE III SECTION 2
Shall be amended as follows:

ARTICLE III-Governing Body Section 2

The Tribal Business Council shall consist of seven (7) members. The Chairman of the Tribal Business Council shall be elected at large by a majority of all of the votes cast for the office of Chairman. The six (6) other Council members shall be elected from segments, one council member to be elected from each of the following segments by a majority of all the votes cast for the office of Council representative from that respective segment:

- White Shield1 representative
- Twin Buttes1 representative
- New Town/Little Shell1 representative
- Mandaree1 representative
- Four Bears1 representative
- Parshall/Lucky Mound ...1 representative

Also, the language in Article III Section 2 regarding the increase for additional Council Representatives for any one segment should the population reach at least 700 qualified voters will be removed.

Bylaws Article III - Meeting of Council Section 3.

SECTION 3. Five (5) members shall constitute a legal quorum of the Tribal Business Council.